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ABSTRACT

A visual investigation of LANDSAT images has been carried out to study the image-textural features characteristic of different bedrock types and assemblages in Finland. A tentative classification of the textures is presented.

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INTRODUCTION

In the Baltic Shield several types of important ore deposits, and indications of ore, are distributed along or near major fracture zones. Owing to glacial drift cover, shallow topography and great the width of the zones (up to 50 km) these zones are not easily detected in the field by ground or airborne methods. The purpose of the investigation is to examine the expected advantages of LANDSAT imagery in exploring these structures. The test area (Fig. 1) for the study is representative of central part of the Shield.

The deep fractures of the Shield are generally faults separating blocks of different character. Owing to repeated rejuvenation they also form lineaments visible in the topography, vegetation, etc. On the other hand, there may be other prominent lineaments which result mainly from glacial flow.

Thus, for finding the deep fractures, it was considered necessary to look for boundaries between basement blocks of different constitution. During the reporting period attempts have therefore concentrated on finding out whether different bedrock units are distinguishable by textural differences in LANDSAT imagery.

The additional LANDSAT imagery received by the P.I. during the reporting period is listed in Table 1, and their coverage is ~~shown~~ in Fig. 1. All the LANDSAT-1 and LANDSAT-2 images of fair quality so far received have been utilized in the present study.

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TECHNIQUES

LANDSAT images have been transmitted by NASA to Finland since 1972. By now a sufficient amount of reasonably fair images have been received for compilation of preliminary photomosaics covering most of Finland. MSS band 7 has been used for the mosaics the scale of which is 1:500 000. Separate mosaics have been made for winter and summer. These mosaics are being used in a search for major fractures zones.

Optical and digital enhancement procedures for comparing LANDSAT imagery with various geophysical, geological and morphological maps (See Tuominen, 1975) have been continued. A computer procedure for making rose diagram maps has been developed.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Image-textures related to different bedrock types

The image texture varies from area to area. In many cases these differences seem to correlate with differences in the general type (or structure) of the bed rock. These relations were studied on 68 separated sites in southern Finland selected by comparing the summer imagery with geological maps. The selection was made on the basis of more or less uniform image texture and bedrock type deviating from that of the surroundings.

The characteristic image textures found in the 68 sites were tentatively classified into eight main types shown in Fig. 2. These image-texture types correspond roughly to certain drainage patterns defined by Parvis (1950) and were named accordingly. An example of each of the eight texture types, on band 7, is given in Figs. 3 to 9.

The following bedrock properties seem to be characteristic of the different image textures.

- 1 Acid plutonic rocks, partly mimatitic with gneiss portions: angulate image texture (Fig. 3)
In the example the texture seems to be restricted to a triangular fault block. (South of Rautalampi, central Finland; Wilkman 1935)
- 2 Acid plutonic rocks, mica schists and gneisses with two or three dominant trends in the foliation: folded angulate image texture. (Fig. 4; west of Lake Päijänne; Laitakari 1973)
- 3 Narrow schist belt surrounding a granodiorite pluton: annular image texture. (Fig. 5)
In the image the annularity is expressed by light cultivated patches along the schist belt while the granodiorite area, being forested, is dark. (South of Mäntsälä, southern Finland; Kaitaro 1956)
- 4 "Mantled gneiss dome": radial image texture. (Fig. 6) The texture appears inside a polygonal ring of cultivated land, about 5 km in diameter. At least part of the ring follows the schists along the dome boundary. (Kasurilanmäki Hill, 15 km north of Kuopio, central Finland; Wilkman 1935)

- 5 Varieties of rapakivi: rectangular image texture.
(Fig. 7; south of Lappeenranta, southeastern
Finland; Simonen 1975, Hackman 1934)
- 6 Pyroxene and mica gneiss with minor granite lenses
parallel to foliation: striated image texture
(Fig. 8; near Karkkila, southwestern Finland;
Härme 1958)
- 7 Veined mica gneiss: parallel texture (Fig. 6;
west of Kuopio, central Finland; Wilkman 1935)
- 8 Massive plutonic rocks free of systematic
fractures are frequently characterized by
a "kettle-hole" image texture (Fig. 9) caused
by numerous small lakes. The example area
consists of anorthosite, gabbro and granite.
(Vuohijärvi, southeastern Finland; Lehijärvi
and Tyrviinen 1969)

Ground Surveys

J. Nanyaro (1975) has examined some LANDSAT-1 lineaments in Finnish Lapland. He found that zones of cataclasis correlated with the lineaments. This suggests that the lineaments mark boundaries of dormant or active basement blocks.

Two small test sites in western Finland are being studied by J. Talvitie. Orientations of soil contours interpreted from LANDSAT images seem to correlate with faults and foliation of the bedrock.

Imagery data has been extended to other users and the data products are widely utilized in prospecting programs.

SIGNIFICANT RESULTS

On the central Baltic Shield the concept of drainage patterns can be extended to smaller scales in which case many cultural features become involved to the spatial patterns influenced by bedrock structure. Features resulting from agricultural activity and timbering often exaggerate the influence of the bedrock on the image texture. In Fig. 8 , for instance, chains of light-toned agricultural fields follow the strike of foliation of the gneissose bedrock.

REPORTS ETC.

An in-house report concerning visually interpreted image-textures at 68 different sites in southern Finland has been completed. (Räsänen 1975)

Vuorimiesyhdistys (The Finnish Society of Mining Engineers) has appointed a 5-member committee the function of which is to extend knowledge of remote sensing methods to Finnish geologists. The subject has been defined: "Remote Sensing and Prospecting". The P.I. (Tuominen) and two co-investigators (Aarnisalo and Talvitie) of program 28 600 are on the committee.

PROBLEMS

The following problems have been encountered in optical processing of LANDSAT images:

Problems encountered with diffraction in filters having sharp edges have made the use of apodized filters extremely desirable. These have proven difficult to prepare. Both manual and computer methods are under

investigation to reduce this problem.

The matrix format of the images hampers the extraction of directional information.

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TABLE 1 LANDSAT-2 images received by P.I. during Oct.-Dec. 1975 x

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cloud cover: a. given by catalogue
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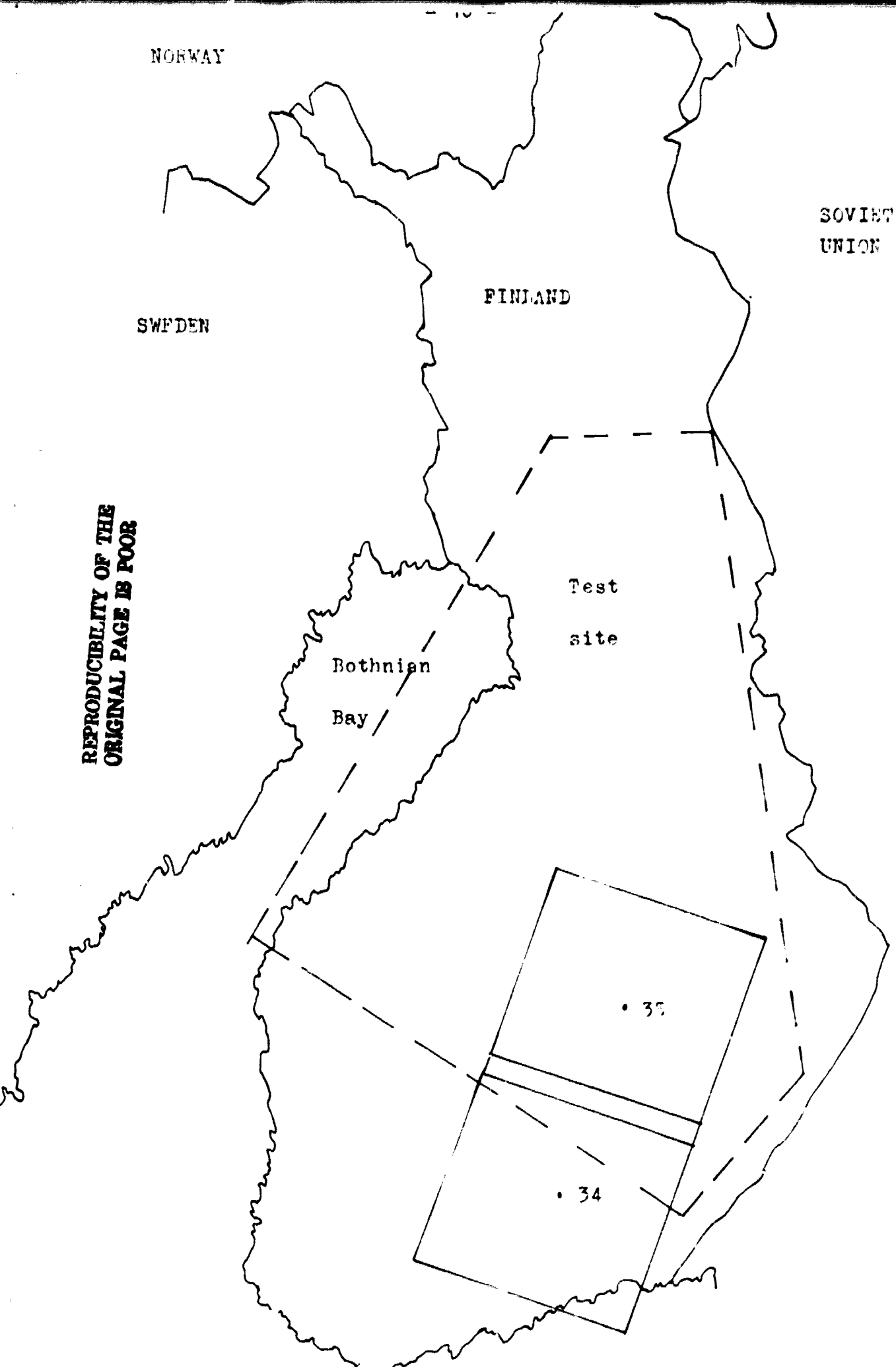


Fig. 1. Test site of the program 28600 and the coverage of the images received during the reporting period.



Angular



Folded angular



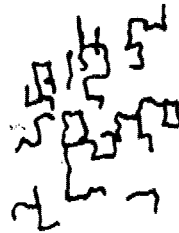
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Striated



Radial



Rectangular

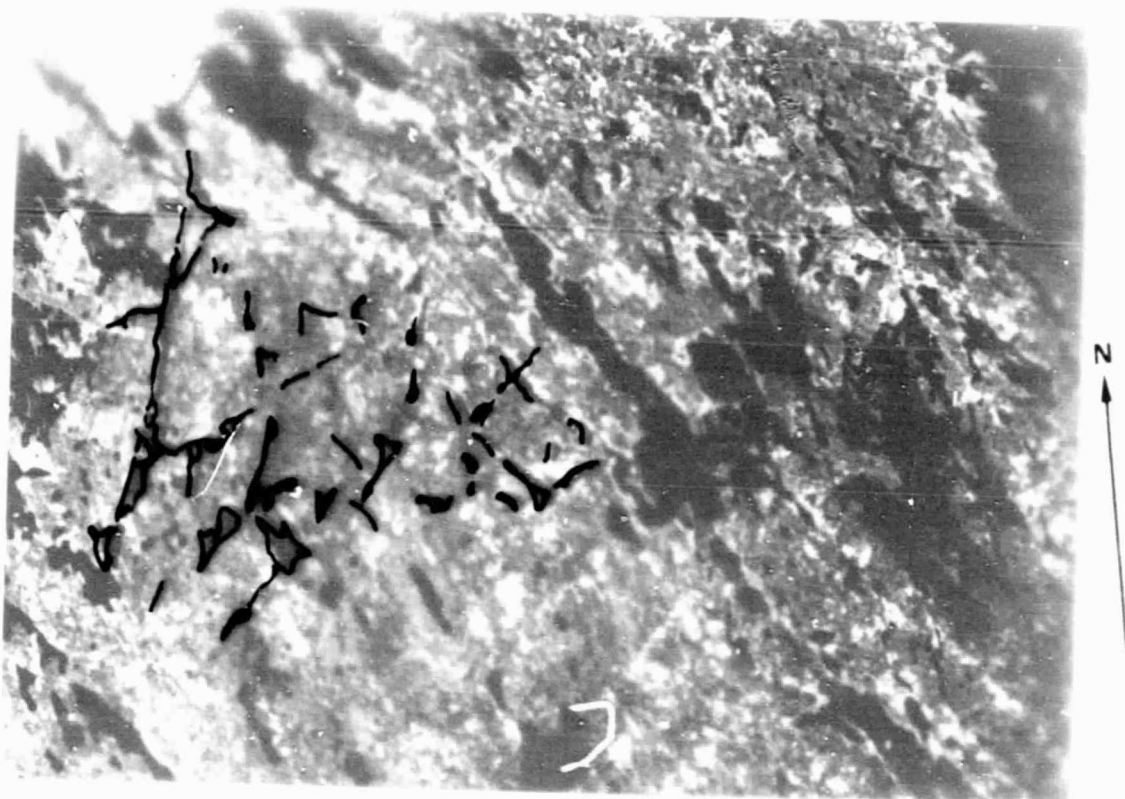


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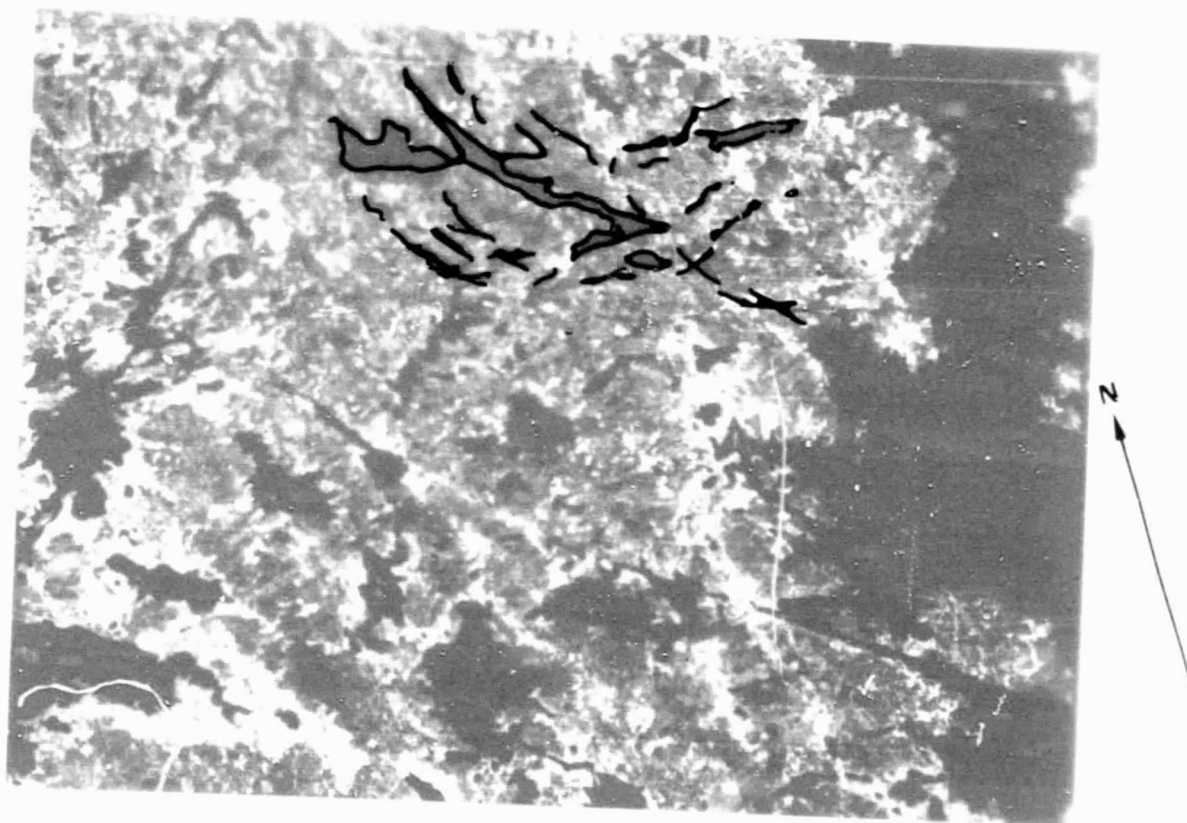
Kettle holes

FIG. 2 Characteristic image-textural patterns related to bedrock properties.



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Fig. 3. Angulate image texture
Scene 2137-08480-7.



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Fig. 4. Folded angulate image texture
Scene 2139-08595-7.

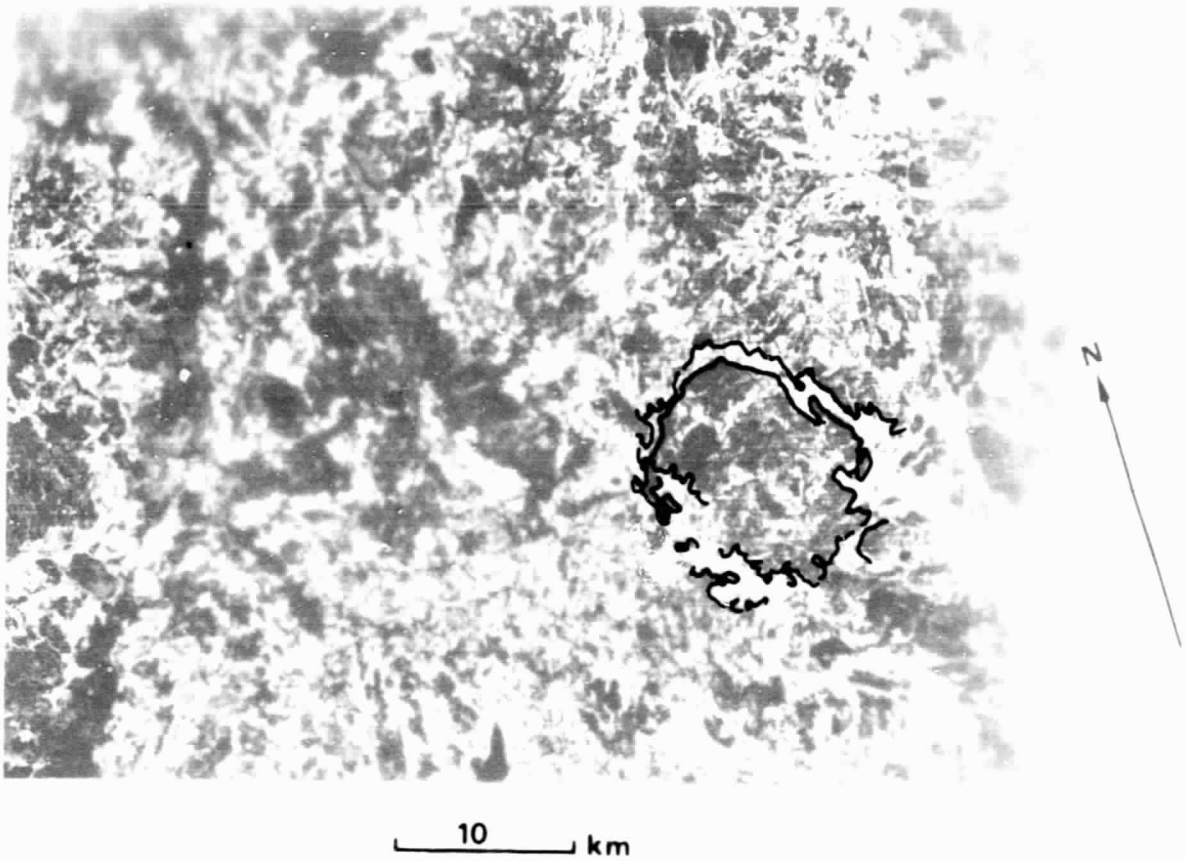


Fig. 5. Annular image texture
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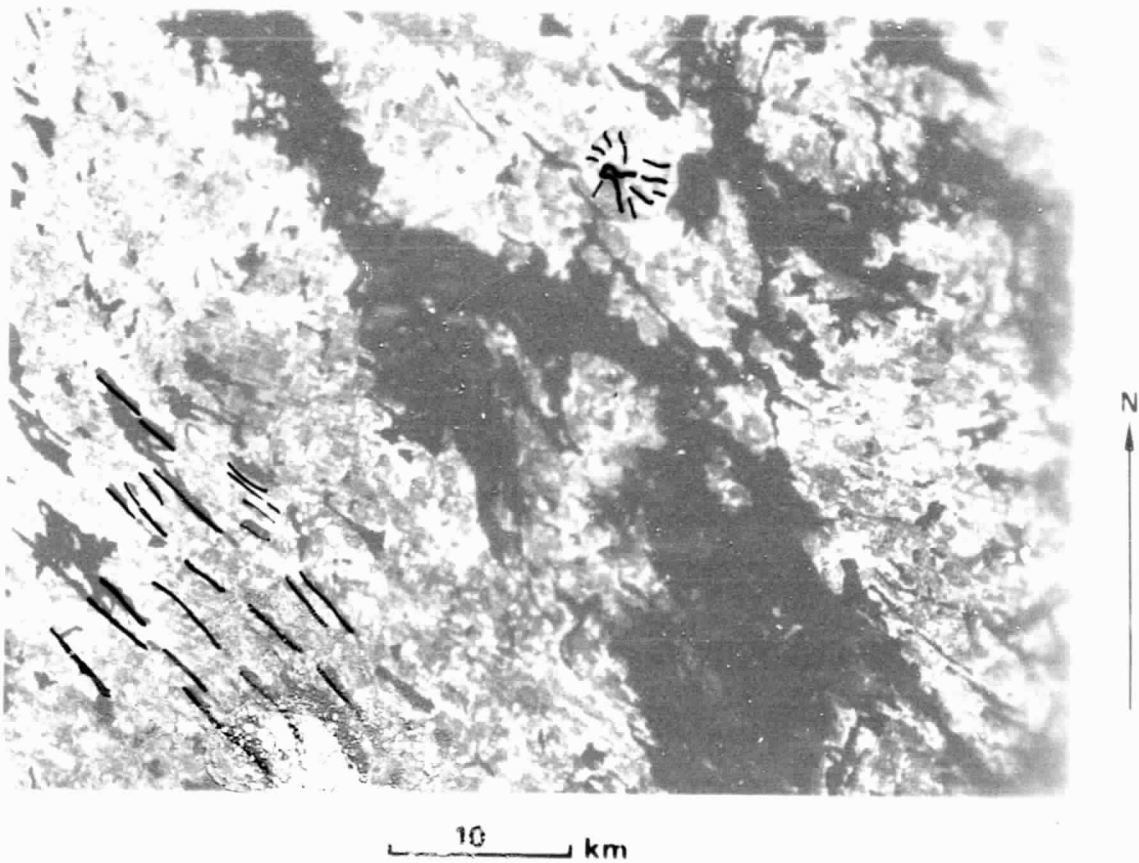


Fig. 6. Radial and parallel image textures
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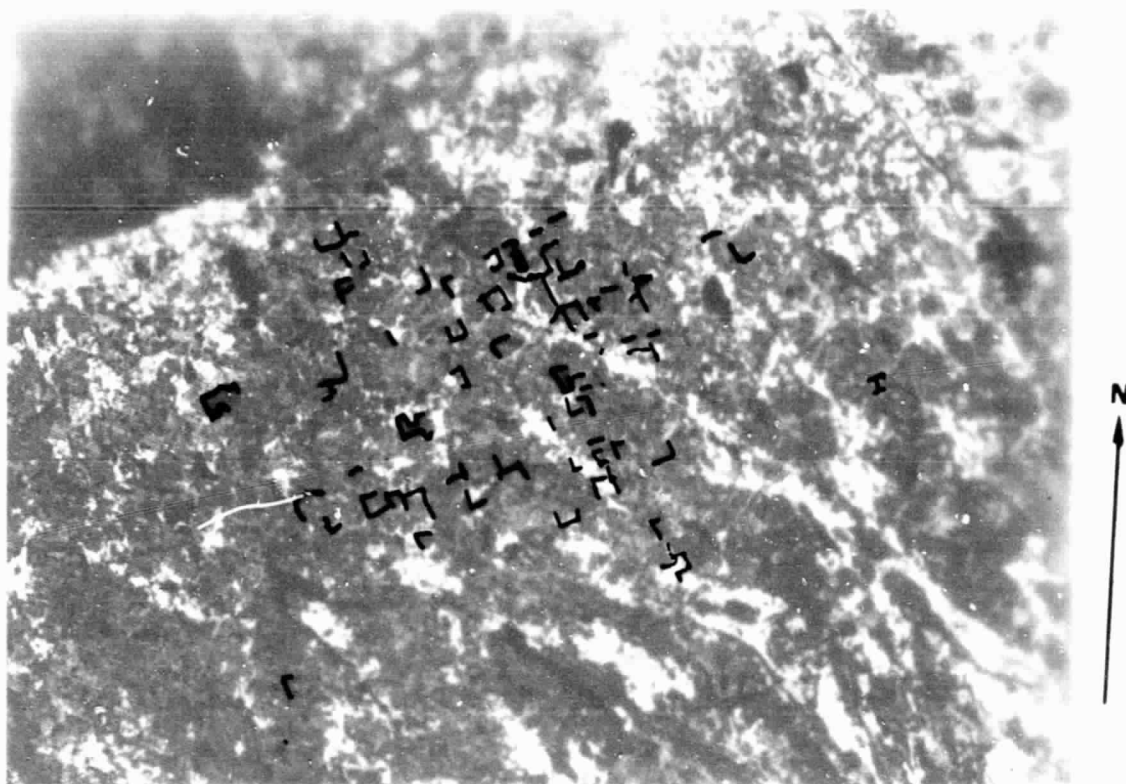


Fig. 7. Rectangular image texture
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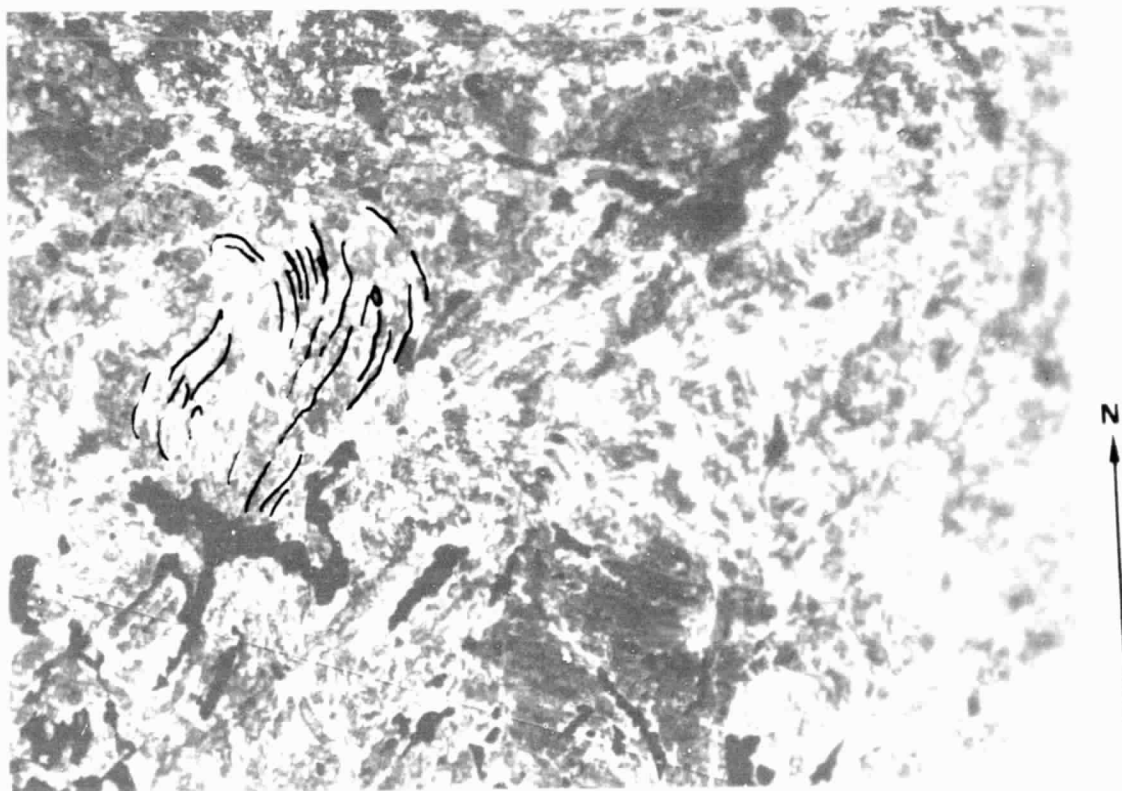
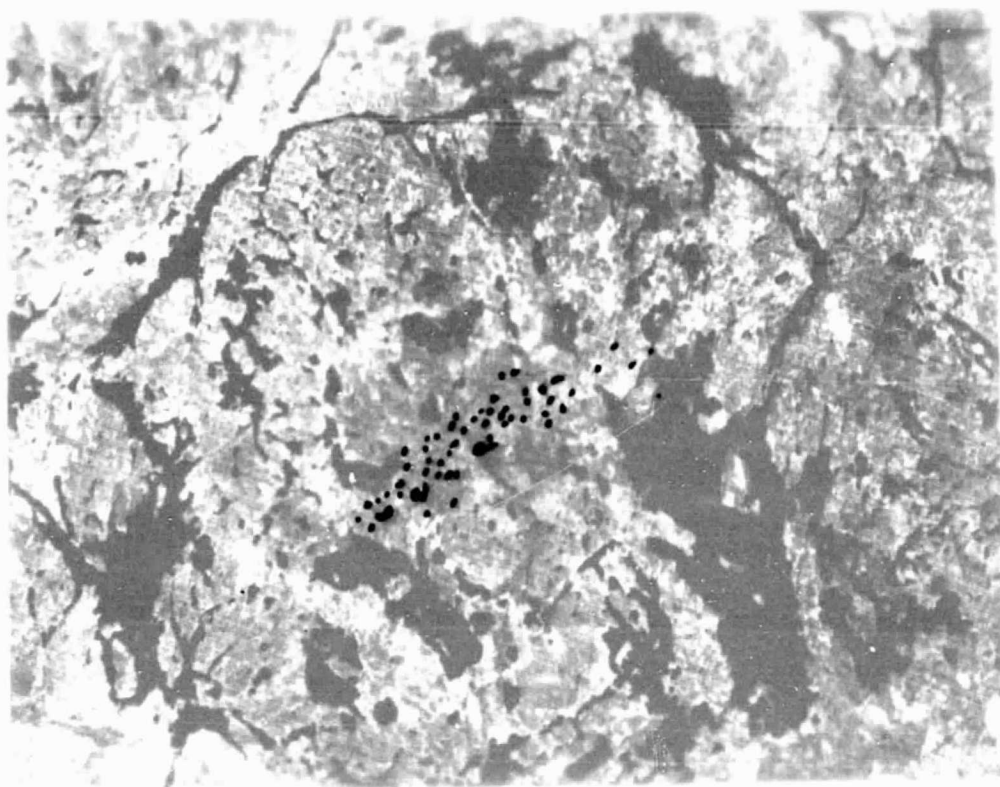


Fig. 8. Striated image texture
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Fig. 9. "Kettle-hole" image texture
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